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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 3156, SENT SECSTATE, INFO PARIS,
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 3156

PARIS FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH SESSION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD: ISRAELI
MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP

REF: STATE 191153

1. AMBASSADOR CONSULTED AUGUST 13 WITH HECTOR WYNTER, WHO
SAID HE APPROVED INITIATIVE TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ON
REGIONAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY TO AGENDA OF 98TH EXECUTIVE
BOARD. HE READ LANGUAGE OF SUGGESTED RESOLUTION (PARA 4
REFTEL) AND HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH IT ALTHOUGH
HE FELT THE LANGUAGE "NEEDED TO BE TIDIED UP."

2. WYNTER SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN
THE U.S. INTRODUCED THE ITEM, AND SUGGESTED THAT BELGIUM
WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THE ROLE BECAUSE OF ITS "CLEAN RECORD",
AND POSITION TO WORK WITHIN THE EUROPEAN GROUP. SUPPORT
FOR THE ITEM SHOULD FIRST BE SOUGHT IN THE EUROPEAN
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CAPITALS, AFTER WHICH THE LOBBYING EFFORT CAN BE BROADENED

TO INCLUDE OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT ESPECIALLY EGYPT. RUNNING THROUGH THE AREAS, WYNTER THOUGHT THAT PRE-EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

A. LATIN AMERICA - ARGENTINA; BRAZIL; CHILE; COLOMBIA; URUGUAY

B. ASIA -
IRAN; JAPAN; PHILIPPINES

C. AFRICA - EGYPT; GHANA; UGANDA; UPPER VOLT; ZAIRE

D. EUROPE - AUSTRALIA; BELGIUM; WEST GERMANY; UNITED KINGDOM

3. WYNTER FEELS THAT THE MAIN THING FROM THE TACTICAL STANDPOINT IS NOT TO BRING UP THE ITEM EARLY IN THE SESSION. HIS RECOMMENDATION IS THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. HE DOES NOT WANT TO DIVIDE THE BOARD ON THIS ISSUE AND WOULD RATHER DEFER THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT SPRING, IF AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS A DIVISIVE FIGHT APPEARED INEVITABLE. WYNTER CONSIDERED THE ARABS' LACK OF SUCCESS WITH THE AFRICANS AT THE RECENT OAU MEETING AN ENCOURAGING SIGN AND COMMENTED THAT THE TENSIONS OF THE MOMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL HAVE THE MOST PROFOUND EFFECT ON THE CLIMATE OF THE MEETING.

4. FOR USDEL UNESCO: WYNTER WILL BE IN HIS PARIS OFFICE ON AUGUST 25 AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH US REP JONES SOMETIME THAT DAY. GERARD UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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